Stay granted by Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court

1744. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cases in which the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has granted stays;

(b) which is the oldest case in which the stay still survives and since when; and

(c) what steps are being taken to expedite these cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exploitation of Ocean Resources/Minerals

1745. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state .

(a) what are the salient features of the programme carried out during the Seventh Five Year Plan period to exploit and utilise the ocean resources and what are the results achieved;

(b) what is the Seventh Five Year Plan outlay for exploiting the ocean resources and what is the actual amount spent on the implementation of the programme;

(c) what are the major ocean resources/minerals identified for exploitation; and

(d) what is the programme, if any, formulated by Government to export the ocean resources during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (d) The material is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Discrepancy in the appointment of Senior Officers

1746. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that seniority is not being followed in postings of IAS and IPS officers in various State Cadres;

(b) whether it is a fact that very senior officers have to work under junior officers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that IAS and IPS officers are not given District charges according to the seniority;

(d) whether Government are aware of the grievances of these officers; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (e) The posting of IAS and IPS Officers to various posts under the State Governments is done looking into both the responsibilities of the posts at the relevant time and suitability of the officer concerned.

Posting of officers within the State is the responsibility of the respective cadre controlling authorities who are the best judges both of the suitability of the individual officers and the requirement of the posts. Such postings are not monitored centrally in the Government of India.

संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की परीक्षा प्रणाली में संशोधन

1747. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की परीक्षा प्रणाली में कुछ संशोधन